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The Current Practices of IMTS in Cambodia

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An overview of the current status of IMTS

By law, the NIS/MOP has responsible for compilation of IMTS. Since 1996, the NIS has compiled and disseminated the data on imports and exports in aggregates to a limited data based on National Accounts statistics of Cambodia for own publication in Statistical Yearbook and then to distribute for various government agencies and other organizations.

From September 2008 after the Workshop on Revision of the Recommendations for IMTS in Bangkok. In 2009, EU-ASEAN Capacity building project has provided some technical assistance for IMTS. The NIS has effort to compile the IMTS follow by the United Nations guidelines (IMTS Rev.2, 1998). By January 2010, its first bulletin of IMTS was compiled in series 2005-2008 by SITC rev.4 at 2 digit level for the publication. This first bulletin will be released in March 2010.

Data Collection for the compilation of IMTS

Annual/Quarterly data on import and export are collected from the General Department of Custom and Excise (GDCE) through the official letter of requests.

Annual/Quarterly data are provided by AHTN at 8 digits level and country number code at three digits, Net Mass, Quantity and Custom values.

Time lag:

- Annual data is 9 months after reference year.
- Quarterly data is 2 months after reference quarter.
- Monthly data is not available for collection from the GDCE.



Methodology for the compilation of IMTS

- Follow with some partial guideline IMTS rev.2 (1998) by UN.
- Trade system: Special trade system (relax definition)
- From custom data by AHTN 8 digits consistency with HS6 digit then using correlation table with SITC rev.4 at 2 digits for the publication.
- For export data are valued in FOB
- For import data are valued in CIF
- Import and export by partner countries are coded as numeric in three digits by following French system that is consistency with GDCE.



Methodology for the compilation of IMTS (cont.)

For informal/shuttle trade or informal border trade is excluded in the compilation.

No adjustment should be made for unrecorded data due to shortage of knowledge and experiences.

Non-custom data are not yet covered in at this round of IMTS compilation, however maybe covered in the future.



IMTS Data Information

- Import and Export of goods by Products.
- Shares (%) of Import/Export by Products to total trades
- Import and Export of goods by partner countries.
- Shares (%) of Import/Export by partner countries to total trades
- Import/Export of Goods by Regions



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Data Quality assurance

- Completeness Check
- Validation Check
- Creditability Check



Dissemination of IMTS

The first publication, annual data on imports and exports, will be released in March 2010 for series 2005-2008. Time leg for the annual publication is 9 months.

Time leg for the quarterly/semester publication should be 2 months.

Issues and Challenges

Lack of knowledge/experiences and finance supports to compile the IMTS.

Need a specific training for compilation of IMTS as recommendation by UN, especially on job training is very useful.

The publication of a product code of customs imports/exports data do not exist in AHTN / HS (i.e. code 0040.00.00, under chapter 98) thus we need to improve in the future.

Need assistance for treatment of **Unrecorded Data / Non-custom data**

Time lag for data collection is too late.

The monthly data on import and export are not available for collection from the Customs (GDCE)

Future Plan

To improve knowledge and experiences for compilation of IMTS follow with UN guidelines.

To improve good cooperation with GDCE for data collection.

To treat the **Unrecorded data/Non-custom data** for compiling IMTS (i.e. to make a consistency with National accounts, GDCE, BOP) if the Technical Assistance and Financial Supports have been provided.

Need donors to provide the technical assistance and financial supports for improving the IMTS compilation.



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